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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 6639

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB
SUBJ: RICE CRISIS - DAILY UPDATE

REF: PHNOM PENH 6571

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 9.

	6/29	6:30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4
BEGINNING STOCK	6367.2	6606.9	9241.4	9241.4	9791.4	9241.4
ROUTE 4	849.7	--	--	1100	--	--
MEKONG	----	3000	---	----	----	----
TOTAL AVAILABLE	7216.9	9606.9	9241.4	10341.4	9791.4	9241.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	603.5	365.5	----	550	550	550
BALANCE	6616.4	9241.4	9241.4	9791.4	9241.4	8691.4
LESS ADJUSTMENT	9.5					
	6606.9					

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BEGINNING STOCK 8691.4 8141.4 13741.4 13191.4 12641.4
ROUTE 4 ---- ---- ---- ---- ----
MEKONG ---- 6100 ---- ---- ----
TOTAL AVAILABLE 8691.4 14241.4 13741.4 13191.4 12641.4
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BALANCE 8141.4 13741,4 13191.4 12641.4 12091.4 -21.98 DAY
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1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4IS CLOSED: 12091.4 AT 550 - 21.98 DAYS
2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 5991.4 AT 550 - 10.89 DAYS
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ROUTE 4 ARE CLOSED: 5991.4 AT 550 - 1089 DAYS
4) IN THE EVENT BOTH THE MEKONG AND
ROUTE 4 ARE CLOSED: 4341.4 AT 700 - 6.2 DAYS
ODRICE FROM VIETNAM- A SERIES OF EVENTS, INCLUDING A STORM IN SAIGON, DELAYED LOADINGS AND DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING TUGS HAS CHANGED THE CONVOY SHECULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL. IT NOW APPEARS THAHETHSJEXT CONVOY SHOULD ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH WITH APPROXIMATELY 6,100 M/T (INCLUDING 800 M/T FROM KOMPONG SOM). SAIGON IS IN THE PROCESS OF LEADING OTHER BARGES AND COPELPY PSSLES; HOWEVER, BECUASE THE AVAIL-ABILITY OF VESSELS FOR THE NEXT CONVOYS (ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO WRUWL
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IMPHNOM PENH ON JUNE 9 AND JUNE 12) IS PRESENTLY NOT FIXED, WEHAVE NO INCLUDED ANY ESTIMATE OF ARRIVLS BEYOND JUNE 6.
RICE DISTRIBUTION

- WITH THIS SFUGE WEDQAVE I TIRUTED A CHAGE IN REPORTIVLQ N RICE STOCKS. PREVIOSULY WE HAD INCLUDED REPORTED STOCKS OF WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS IN PHNOM PENH (WHICH HAVE RANGED FROM 10:
STO
500 M/T): HOWEVER, THESE STOCK LEVELS ARE NOT VERIFIABLE AND THERFORE ARE PROBABLY NOT RELIABLE. OUR STOCK LEVELS NOW INCLUDE ONLY GOVERNMENT HELD STOCKS, SORAPA AND SATRAGV
YOCKSXX
AND AMOUNTS BEING UNLOADED IN PHNOM PENH. WE HAVE ALSO ADDED AN ADJUSTMENT COLUMN WHICH WILL ACCOUNT FOR SMALL WAREHOUSE LOSSES DUE TO REBAGGING ETC.
AIRLIFTS TO KOMPONG THOM ANS SVAY RIENG - ON JUNE 30, THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF CIVIL AVIATION AND SORAPA WERE DISPATCHED BY THE GKR TO BATTAMBANG TO COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL POVERNOR THE START OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRLIFT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, JULY 1, WHEN 7.5 METRIC TONS WERE FLOWN TO KOMPONG THOM BY 3 DC-3'S WHICH MADE 1 SORTIE EACH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FROM HERE ON THE SAME NUMBER OF AIRCRAFTT WILL MAKE 3 SORTIES A DAY EACH FOR A DAILY TOTAL OF 22.5 M/T. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE SVAY RIENG AIRLIFT. THE GOVERNOR OF SVAY RIENG, HOWEVER, HAS OBTAINED THE RELEASE OF 1,200 BAGS FROM PHNOM PENH STOCKS,

AND IS MAKING HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THEM FLOWN TO THIS PROVINC

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CAPTIAL. MOREOVER, AIRDROPS FROM U-TAPAO ARE CONTINUING WITH 16 SHORT TONS GOING TO KOMPONG THOM ON JULY 1, AND 32 TO SVAY RIENG ON JULY 2.
ROUTE 5 -FANK CONTINUED TO PESS THE ENEMY ON ROUTE 5 AND N JULY 1 RECAPTURED 2 KILOMTERS OF ROAD. THIS OPERATIONS IS BEING HINDERED BY LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS,HOWEVER, AND IT IS BELIVED THAT FANK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPEN THE ROAD WITHIN HE NEXT ONE ORTWO DAYS. A ROAD CONVOY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN BATTAMBANG AND WILL PROCEED TO PHNOM PENH
AS SOON AS ROUTE 5 IS OPENED. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS CONVOY WILL CARRY 500 M/T OF RICE. SORAPA IS NOW WORKING WITH THE ROALROAD TO SECURE MORE TRUCKS TO CARRY RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH. MR. KHUON CHHUP, THE PRESIDEML DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SORAPA, BELIEVES THT THE RAILROAD WILL COOPERATE AND HE ESTIMATES HAT ONCE ROUTE 5 IS OPEN HE WLL BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT AN AVERAGE OF 1,000 M/T OF RICE PER CONVO Y.
ROUTE 4 - THOUGH THE MILITARY SITUATION SOUTH OF KOMPONG SPEU REMAINS SERIOUS, ROUTE 4 IS OPEN TO CONVOY TRAFFIC AND ON JULY 2 A RICEE CONV OY
ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH FROMKOMPONG SOM. THE AMOUNT OF RICE CARRID BY THIS CONVOY WILL BE REPORTED IN TOMORROW'S RICE UPDATE.
RICE STOCKS IN KOMPONG SOM (EXCLUSIVE OF RICE ON ONE BARGE) HAVE REACHED A LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTHS SUPPLY. THE NEXT CONVOY SCHEDULED ON JULY 5 WILL CARRY ONLY THE BALANCE OF RICE REMAINING BEYOND ONE MONTHS SUPPLY.
MEKONG CONVOY - THE TWO BARGES WITH 3,000 METRIC TONSOF RICE ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON JUNE 30.
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NOTE BY OC/T: PHNOM PENH 6639 GARBLED TEXT AS RECEIVED, CORRECTION TO FOLLOW
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